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MEMORIAL MASS NOVEMBER 11

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ST. CHARLES COLLEGE OPENED IN SUDBURY

On Sunday, September 9th, Most Rev. R. H. Dignan Bishop of Sault Ste Marie, blessed and officially opened the latest Basilian foundation, St. Charles College, Sudbury. The College takes its name from Father Charles Vincent, 2nd Superior of St. Michael's, and Provincial of the Basilian Fathers during most of their first fifty years in Canada.

Assisting His Excellency at the ceremonies were Very Rev. Father McCorkell, Superior-General, Very Rev. J. C. Humphrey, Vicar-General of the diocese, Father Matt Mulcahy, Principal, Father James Cashubec, Mr. Ted McLean, and Mr. Norm Iverson.

Many of the Sudbury District Old Boys attended the ceremonies and visited the school during opening week; among them, Father J. A. Mulligan, Father C. J. McKee, "Pat" McAndrew, Chairman at the Official Opening; Charlie Cerre, Tom Cooney, Jack Dunne, "Red" Pianosi, Bill Shea, Bill Regan, Joffre Perras, Ernie Kilroy, Charlie Stephenson, Don Arthurs, John Hough.

GENERAL ELECTION MEETING NOVEMBER 11th

In accordance with the constitutions, notice is hereby given that a General Meeting will be held following the Communion Breakfast at the High School on Sunday, November 11th.

FATHER McCORKELL, PREACHER AT MEMORIAL MASS

Very Rev. Father E. J. McCorkell, Superior-General, will give the sermon at the Old Boys' Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 11th at 10.00 a.m.

MSGR. DITTMAN ALUMNUS OF 1904 DIES

Rt. Rev. Joseph Dittman, alumnus of 1900-1904, died during the past summer. Monsignor Dittman came to St. Michael's in 1900 and was ordained in 1904 in St. Basil's Church by Archbishop Denis O'Connor.

Monsignor Dittman visited his Alma Mater in August, 1950. His priestly life and labor was spent in the diocese of Marquette in Northern Michigan where he was pastor of St. Paul's Church, Negaunee, for the past 35 years.

R.I.P.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The seventh annual Memorial Mass for the Old Boys will be celebrated in the chapel of the College School, 1515 Bathurst St., on Sunday, November 11 at 10.00 a.m.

The Communion Breakfast will be held in the cafeteria of the new St. Michael's at 11.00 a.m.

Old Boys who are coming are asked to phone the Association office, RA. 9758 and make reservation. We would like to have an estimate of the number coming to breakfast by Wednesday, November 7th.

Requiem Mass for Billy Roche

Opening week at the high school was saddened by the sudden death on September 13 of 12th Grade student Bill Roche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roche, and grand-nephew of the late Father Nicholas Roche, C.S.B. "Charlie" Roche is an Old Boy of 1921-1925.

The entire student body of 1033, staff, parents and relatives attended Requiem High Mass celebrated by Father Gorman for Bill in the school auditorium on September 19th. The sermon was preached by Father Joseph Timmons.

The sympathy of the Old Boys is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roche.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The "Jews" and "Irish" Flats have changed hands again. With the removal of the high school boarders to the new school the "Jews" and the "Irish" are again inhabited by university men, engineers, medical and dental students, and Osgoode Hall students. . . . The new St. Basil's Seminary, on the south side of St. Joseph St., is opened and 21 St. Mary Street is now a College residence. . . . St. Augustine Seminary students who are proceeding to a degree in Arts in the College are in residence at 21 St. St. Mary St. Father Walter Kerr is their rector. . . . Reg Winstall, '44-'48, high school and college, is now a diamond merchant in Toronto with his father's Company and invites the patronage of the Old Boys. . . . Father Fred Black, C.S.B., is at Oxford University in Graduate Studies in English. . . . Father Walter Principe and Father Michael Sheehan are doing graduate work at the Sorbonne, Paris. . . . Old Boys Les Costello, Paul O'Donoghue, and Paul Lennon are among the St. Augustine's seminarians on the campus. . . . The classrooms on the second floor, two steps up from the "Irish Flat", have been converted into student rooms. That area has already acquired the name of the "Upper Irish".

THE MAJORS

Charlie Cerre, '26-'29, who starred with the late Father Joseph McGabey's O.H.A. finalists, has had his Majors working hard for the coming campaign.

The Majors open the season in Oshawa on October 13th and then play at home on three successive Sundays:

Oct. 14 — Galt
Oct. 21 — Waterloo
Oct. 28 — Windsor

Father Donald Faught, manager, has returning from last year's team Bill Lee, Bill Dineen, Bob Sabourin, Dan McDonald, Murray Costello, Ed Plata, Bob Schiller, Butch Ratchford, Neil Buchanan, Marc Reaume and Art Clune.

Newcomers who are expected to make the team are Ted Toppazzini, Jimmy Logan, Ron Wallace, "Chick" Jacobi, Bob Bartlett, and Lorne Watters.

QUARTERBACK CLUB FORMED

The fathers of the football players at the high school recently formed the St. Michael's Quarterback Club to assist the Athletic Department in its football program.

The executive elected is comprised of: Mr. J. F. Zingrone, President; Mr. Ed. Schneider, Vice-President; Mr. Michael L. Doyle, Secretary, and Father "Ted" Flanagan, Treasurer.

Former wearers of the double-blue in football are being contacted, and all Old Boys interested are invited to join the club. They can do so by contacting the Athletic Office, 1515 Bathurst St., Phone O.Liver. 2314.

Mr. Frank Clair, coach of the Argonauts, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Club on October 3rd.

Old Boys attending were: Dr. Jack Egan, Ted Schmidt, Mike Doyle, Charlie Connolly, Fred Black, Eddie Black, John Frezell, Russ Merin, Arnie Teolis, John Prendergast, Murray Bulger, Cam MacLellan, Pete McDevitt, and Frank Nutson.

Others who have joined the club are: Dr. "Gus" Greco, Saul Ste Marie, Roy Merlo, Windsor, Clary Burt, Joe McNulty, Dr. Geo. Callahan, Art Holmes, Pete McParland, and Gordon Ashworth.

MEMORIAL MASS
NOVEMBER 11

O.C.A.C. Football Schedule

Wed. Oct. 10—De La Salle at St. Michael's.

Sun. Oct. 21—St. Michael's at De La Salle.

Fri. Oct. 26—St. Michael's at St. Jerome's

Home Games at Millen Stadium, Danforth and Broadview Ave.

OLD BOY OTTAWA EXPERT

Jack Wallace, high school graduate of '45 and college graduate of '47, is now assistant federal director of Civil Defence Training.

Jack was recently in Sudbury to address Sudbury District civil defence men.

QUARTERBACK CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, October 17
8.30 p.m.

St. Michael's College School

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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE 75 YEARS AGO

Memories of St. Michael's

By FATHER JOHN TALBOT SMITH

(Continued)

Dramatics

The College Faculty was shrewd enough to direct these mental energies by means of the usual societies. And these societies effervesced, boiled over on the two holidays, Washington's birthday and St. Patrick's Day. Although I was never conscious of racial or national antagonisms on those days, I imagine the faculty often feared trouble and did much to avoid it. For example, I wrote a play for February 22nd, with the scene at Valley Forge, in which General Washington took a drink on a cold morning at the nearest canteen and then denied it—for the good of the service. The idea was burlesque of course and was used later by Bret Harte, but the faculty would not let the thing be played—for the good of the service I suppose. I wrote a comic opera for St. Patrick's Day called "Boycotting," the theme taken from that Irish scheme to which the suffering Captain Boycott gave his name and earned a place in the dictionary. The music was taken from Gilbert and Sullivan. Father Murray led the orchestra, eminent clergymen of the present day were singers, and the enterprise went with a vim unknown to college entertainment. The time we spent on these shows might have been spent to better purpose, but I look back at the joy of them, at the friendships they made, the ties they strengthened, the colour they gave to life, I have no regrets, except for the boys who missed or miss our innocent and stimulating fun. The modern system of education, based on the scientific studies of the agents of capitalism, aims at many things, and in one they are quite successful, in killing all the joy that should accompany the training of the young.

The Faculty

The faculty of that time were a positive set of men. John Quinlan taught the Rhetoric class, and he



would argue over the quantity of a syllable as if the fate of a nation hung on the result. He was very critical and distrustful of the American Republic, and his passing remarks led to many a hot discussion in class. Once we trapped him absolutely. In the Tilden-Hayes controversy of 1876, when it looked Presidency would start another war, as if the two candidates for the Mr. Quinlan incautiously admitted before the class that the situation was serious, and that if the American constitution stood the strain, its strength and durability could never again be questioned. He was quite certain that there would be war, that Europe would intervene, and that the public would be split up into two or three or even four sovereignties, whose mutual jealousies and rivalries would free Europe from further apprehension. As history tells us, President Hayes took his seat peacefully, the constitution stood the strain, and Mr. Quinlan could never open his mouth again on that point without a reminder. He was a charming man, an enthusiastic student, a true friend of the boys, and a fine professor. He had a mate in Professor Heenan of the Belles-Lettres class, mildest and kindest and fairest of men, who never allowed political discussion in class and was looked upon as a great critic in literary matters. The most potent

character of that time, however, was Mr. Ferguson, the prefect of recreation, the Czar of the study-hall, the man who kept order, and who made or unmade student officials with the swiftness and indifference of Henry VIII. The study-hall looked like a lady's parlor under his eye; escaping the campus while he was on duty amounted to suicide; and to be discovered breaking the law meant a dolorous way of lines, solicitude, enithet, public scorn and ostracism, at which we bellowed and then laughed. His vocation was the army, but he died a school teacher, and his influence was very marked on the discipline. On the whole, the faculty stood for a fairly good course in English and Latin, and a decent training in all other matters. They are a gentlemanly lot, entering upon old age now with dignity and the respect of their associates.

Student Activities

We were an innocent crowd compared with the boys of the present time, who are born with ears like an Indian's, eyes that see everything, and a nose for the forbidden, which only our modern press, with its multitudinous odors, could develop. The extent of their unwholesome knowledge is appalling. We had none of it. We were mischievous and troublesome. Perhaps the monotony of a walled life upset us, and something had to be done for relief. Bill Brady was a hero in the great pie steal, when a band of raiders stole the entire batch for the next day's dessert, and subjected the rest of us to prunes. The night air and the dormitory air were redolent of pie for a week. Everybody was on the trail of the hidden pie, but arrived only to gather the crumbs. Then the raiders fell out among themselves and came to blow.

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JUBILARIAN



Father William Roach, C.S.B.
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Father Roach who came as a student to St. Michael's in 1888, observed on July 3rd the Golden Anniversary of his ordination. At the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Basil's Church Father Roach was assisted as Deacon by V. Rev. Father McCorkell and as Sub-Deacon by Father Henry Carr. The sermon was preached by Bishop Hill, of Victoria, B.C., a former student of the jubilarian.

Assisting in the sanctuary were Bishop Webster, Msgr. O'Brien of Buffalo, Msgr. O'Sullivan of Peterboro, Msgr. McAuley of Lindsay, Msgr. Mahoney of London, and



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Dr. Bill Callahan
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Herb Hendrie
Doug Wakely
Peter O'Hanlon

Msgr. Ingoldsby, Msgr. McDonagh, Msgr. Egan, Msgr. Cullinane, Msgr. Sheridan of Toronto.

Many Old Boys attended the Mass and the reception in Brennan Hall at which President Don McDonald presented Father Roach with a cheque from the Old Boys' Association.

SCHOOL ITEMS

Students — Total enrollment is 1050.

Resident Students—number 106, divided between the former staff residence on Tweedsmuir (originally St. Basil's Novitiate) and the former Sacred Heart Orphanage building. Both buildings were renovated during the summer.

Staff—New priest members are: Father Jack Conway, assistant principal; Father Grace Agius, Father Anthony Kelly, and Father William Gibbons.

Lost to the staff are Father Fergus Sheehy to St. Thomas High School, Houston; Father Gerald McAlpine to St. Anne's Church, Houston; Father Matt Mulcahy to St. Charles High School, Sudbury, and Father Robert Whyte to Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

New resident scholastic teachers are Mr. Brian Higgins, Mr. Frank Black, and Mr. Laurence Janisse.

Charlie Cerre has taken over his duties as coach of the Majors, and as instructor in physical education.

Cam McLellan has succeeded Lon Barnes as Football Coach and has his team off to a good start with wins over St. Catharines Collegiate, and St. Jerome's.

Staff residence—is the former residence of the Sisters of St. Joseph originally the home of the late R. J. Fleming. It adjoins the school building and is much more convenient for the Fathers than last year's residence.

Activities — The Sodality, again under Father Gorman's direction, is promoting a paper drive to raise funds to equip the chapel with necessary articles such as holy water founts, statues, etc.

The Band, again under the aegis of Father Whelan and under the direction of Mr. Mathe, has performed for the pleasure of all at the football games. The Students' Council under the guidance of Father Joseph Timmons held their first dance with some 900 attending. The Dramatic Society under the leadership of Father Phelan is preparing "The Gorilla" a mystery comedy to be presented on November 19, 20, and 21st.

Father Jack Crowley, basketball Coach, is now also assistant Athletic Director succeeding Father Roy who is assistant to the principal.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Old Boys is extended to Father Pat Coffey in the death of his mother; to Father Richard Lynett in the death of his father; and to Greg and Tom Hoy in the death of their father.

7th Annual

MEMORIAL MASS 10.00 a.m.

AND

COMMUNION BREAKFAST 11.00 a.m.

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